



## Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Minutes

The Citizen's Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) met on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at 5:34 p.m., in the Basement of the Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave, Tucson, Arizona.

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

#### Members Present:

Susan Thornton, Chair  
Stephen Nekolek  
Suzanne Elefante  
Jennifer Lopez  
Cynthia Schiesel  
Joaquin Murrieta, Vice Chair  
Barbara O'Brien

#### Representing:

Mayor  
Ward 1  
Ward 2 (Arrived 5:35 pm)  
Ward 3  
Ward 4  
Ward 5  
Ward 6

#### Advisory Members Present:

Barbara Richards

#### Advisory Members Absent:

Karen Brandel  
Bennett Bernal

#### Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Assistant Chief Kathleen Robinson, Tucson Police Department  
Sergeant Sharon Callan, Tucson Police Department  
Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor

#### Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Absent:

Liana Perez, Independent Police Auditor  
Sergeant Matt Ronstadt, Tucson Police Department  
Lieutenant Rick Hovden, Tucson Police Department  
Baird Greene, City Attorney's Office

#### Others Present:

Officer Cindy Mechtel, Tucson Police Department  
Detective Cindy Butierez, Tucson Police Department  
Gioa Sanderson, City Attorney's Office  
Mike McLeroy, Citizen  
Ana Smith, City Clerks Office  
Kyle Thompson, City Clerks Office

**2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of October 20, 2009**

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, to approve the minutes of October 20 2009, (Suzanne Elefante late) as submitted.

**3. Introduction of new Non-Voting Advisory Board Member and new representative of Research and Analysis Unit.**

Chair Thornton introduced Officer Cindy Mechtel, Tucson Police Department, as the new Research and Analysis Unit representative and welcomed her to the meeting.

Cynthia Schiesel introduced Barbara Richards as the new Non-Voting Advisory Board Member and welcomed her to the meeting.

**4. First Call to the Audience**

Mike McLeroy spoke on the illegal search and seizure of his home and how much tax payer dollars were being spent on answering 911 hang up calls. His concern dealt with two 911 calls reported as coming from his home, and the subsequent search of possible hiding places.

**5. Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for October as reported November 1, 2009.**

The Board inquired about comment #1. The constituent stated when he came home from school his wife, children and their possessions were gone. He stated he called TPD to file a missing persons report and wanted the police to do something about it. He mentioned TPD had said his family left on their own free will.

The Board asked what the time limit was for filing a missing person report.

TPD stated that there was not a set time to file a missing person report, it was on a case by case basis.

**6. Cop Link Presentation**

Detective Cindy Butierrez, Cop Link Administrator, Tucson Police Department (TPD) stated the Regional Information Sharing Tucson Coplink Node was a informational database sharing system for Southern Arizona and the Southwestern United States.

## 7. Office of the Independent Police Auditor

- A. Outreach Report: Report of public outreach efforts by the office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditors (IPA), stated Liana Perez, Office of Equal Opportunity Programs (OEOP), was in attendance with various police chiefs in the Tucson area. He mentioned Chief Roberto Villasenor from TPD, as well as the Chief of Police from South Tucson, Pima College, and Oro Valley, Police Departments, Judge Rojas Tucson City Court and Pima County's Juvenile Court Judge. He said there were approximately fifty other participants that participated in various interactions with the public and the Chief's panel. He said the Black Chamber of Commerce was going to continue to have these types of community panels each month.

- B. Monthly Contacts: Report on TPD-related contacts by members of the public with the office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) stated the office received three complaints and five inquiries during the month of October 2009; of which, three complaints were forwarded for review. Mr. Barton performed random reviews of eighteen fair and thorough closed cases that were previously investigated by IA and said the IPA agreed with the findings of those cases.

## 8. Tucson Police Department:

- A. TPD Updates regarding events or developments relating to TPD during the prior month.

~~Assistant Chief~~ **Sergeant** Sharon Callan introduced Assistant Chief Kathy Robinson, Tucson Police Department, and welcomed her to the CPARB meeting.

Assistant Chief Kathy Robinson, Tucson Police Department, stated she had attended the forum and was pleased with the outcome. She said the discussions on discrimination, law enforcement's involvement in schools, and black on black crime were the start of helping the community and law enforcement to communicate better. Assistant Chief Robinson, stated she was disappointed that Proposition 200 was not adopted but the defeat was expected due to the recession.

- B. Office of Internal Affairs/Updates regarding events or developments relating to the Office of Internal Affairs during the prior month.

~~Assistant Chief~~ **Sergeant** Sharon Callan stated the Office of Internal Affairs had a quiet month.

**9. Recess**

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to forego recess.

**10. Random Review of TPD Investigations:**

1. Case# 09-0645

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote 7 to 0, to find Case# 09-0645 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case# 09-0634

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote 7 to 0, to find Case# 09-0634 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case# 09-0256

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote 7 to 0, to find Case# 09-0256 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

**11. Second Call to the Audience**

There were no speakers.

**12. Report from the Chair / Announcements**

Chair Thornton asked the Board to review the draft of the annual report and advise her if changes needed to be made.

Chair Thornton clarified to the Board what abstention in voting meant. She said pursuant to the Mayor and Council Rules and Regulations, if a Board member “abstained” from voting, after the second pass through, the vote would then be counted as an affirmative (yes) vote.

Chair Thornton stated CPARB had received a complaint from a citizen in Douglas, Arizona. She stated the Board had no jurisdiction in Douglas, Arizona and she would write a letter to the citizen letting him know.

Chair Thornton spoke about the vacancies of CPARB and said she would send letters to the Council Member Uhlich and Council Member-Elect Fimbres for re-appoint of Jennifer Lopez, Ward 3 and Joaquin Murrieta, Ward 5 before the next meeting. She said Barbara O’Brien chose not to seek re-appointment by the Council Member Elect Kozachik.

**13. Future Agenda Items**

- A. Presentation on Child Abuse Protocol in December.
- B. Presentation of Search and Seizures / Welfare Checks in January.
- C. Presentation on AFS the Automated Fingerprint Data System in February.

**14. Adjournment – 7:02 p.m.**

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to adjourn.